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Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENSURING  
INTEGRITY OF TRANSMITTED DATA IN A  
DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEM

REPLY

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2004.

**Amendment to the Title of the Invention** is reflected on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**Amendment to Title of the Invention:**

Please amend the title of the invention to read as follows:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENSURING INTEGRITY OF  
TRANSMITTED DATA IN A DISTRIBUTED ~~ELECTRONIC~~ CONTROL  
SYSTEM